

### **Amendments to the Specification**

At specification page 1, before the paragraph beginning with "[t]his is a nationalization of," insert the following heading:

#### CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATION

At specification page 1, before the paragraph beginning with "[t]he invention relates to," insert the following headings:

#### BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

##### 1. Field of Invention

At specification page 1, replace the paragraph beginning with "[t]he invention relates to" with the following replacement paragraph:

The invention relates to a disposable cassette ~~in accordance with the preamble of claim 1~~ having at least one first part in which channel structures are cut out in the surface and a second part covering the first part in a sealing manner, with engagement regions for actuator elements being provided at pre-determined points.

At specification page 1, before the paragraph beginning with "[d]isposable plastic articles," insert the following heading:

##### 2. Description of the Prior Art

At specification page 2, before the paragraph beginning with "[i]t is therefore the object of the present invention," insert the following heading:

SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

At specification page 2, replace the paragraph beginning with "[t]his object is solved" with the following replacement paragraph:

This object is solved in accordance with the invention by a disposable cassette having the features ~~of claim 1~~ described herein. Accordingly, the first part and/or the second part are, for the larger part, rigid in design. However, respective flexibly designed regions can be provided, with the rigid and flexible regions each being manufactured in one piece using two-component injection molding technology. The rigid part can thereby be manufactured as one component with the integrated flexible regions and can thus be manufactured in a cost-favorable manner in a single production step. On the other hand, a high stability of the total component results here in comparison with the prior art. A more compact design also results due to the fewer layers required with respect to other disposable cassettes of a more complex design in analysis technology.

At specification page 3, before the paragraph beginning with "[f]urther details and advantages of the invention," insert the following heading:

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS

At specification page 4, before the paragraph beginning with "[i]n the disposable cassette 10," insert the following heading and paragraph:

DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE PREFERRED EMBODIMENTS

Further scope of applicability of the present invention will become apparent from the detailed description given hereinafter. However, it should be understood that the detailed description and specific examples, while indicating preferred embodiments of the invention, are given by way of illustration only, since various changes and modifications within the spirit and scope of the invention will become apparent to those skilled in the art from this detailed description.

At specification page 5, after the last line, insert the following paragraph:

The invention being thus described, it will be apparent that the same may be varied in many ways. Such variations are not to be regarded as a departure from the spirit and scope of the invention, and all such modifications as would be recognized by one

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skilled in the art are intended to be included within the scope of the following claims.

At specification page 1 of 2 (i.e., the first claims page), replace the heading with the following replacement heading:

~~Claims~~ WHAT IS CLAIMED IS: